

## RESOLUTIONS

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said amendments, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

Sec. 8. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary Proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Passed the Senate, March 31, 1953: Yeas 27, Nays 0; May 26, 1953, Senate refused to concur in House amendments, and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 26, 1953, request granted; May 27, 1953, Senate adopted Conference Report: Yeas 21, Nays 9; adopted by the House, May 25, 1953, with amendments: Yeas 104, Nays 23; May 26, 1953, House granted request of Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 1953, House adopted Conference Report: Yeas 110, Nays 28.

Approved June 4, 1953.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT

S. J. R. No. 6

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas by adding to Article XVI thereof a new section, to be numbered 63; providing for crediting to members of either the Teacher Retirement System or the Employees Retirement System of Texas all services rendered, as either a teacher, or person employed in the public schools, colleges, and universities of the State, or as an appointive officer or employee of the State, for retirement benefits under either of said Systems.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 63, which shall read as follows:

"Section 63. Qualified members of the Teacher Retirement System, in addition to the benefits allowed them under the Teacher Retirement System shall be entitled to credit in the Teacher Retirement System for all services, including prior service and membership service, earned or rendered by them as an appointive officer or employee of the State. Likewise, qualified members of the Employees Retirement System of Texas, in addition to the benefits allowed them under the Employees Retirement System of Texas shall be entitled to credit in the Employees Retirement System of Texas for all services, including prior service and membership service, earned or rendered by them as a teacher or person employed in the public schools, colleges, and universities supported wholly or partly by the State."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1954, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing for crediting to members of either the Teacher Retirement System or the Employees Retirement System of Texas all services rendered, as either a teacher, or person employed in the public schools, colleges, and universities of the State, or as an appointive officer or employee of the State, for retirement benefits under either of said Systems."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing for crediting to members of either the Teacher Retirement System or the Employees Retirement System of Texas all services rendered, as either a teacher, or person employed in the public schools, colleges, and universities of

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the State, or as an appointive officer or employee of the State, for retirement benefits under either of said Systems."

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. The expenses of publication and election for such amendment shall be paid out of the proper appropriation made by law.

Passed the Senate, April 7, 1953: Yeas 26, Nays 0; passed the House,

April 29, 1953: Yeas 128, Nays 0.

Approved May 12, 1953.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—PAYMENTS TO NEEDY AGED,  
NEEDY BLIND AND NEEDY CHILDREN

S. J. R. No. 7

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Article III, Section 51a, providing that the Legislature shall have the power to provide assistance to and provide for the payment of same to actual bona fide citizens of Texas who are needy aged persons over the age of sixty-five (65) years, needy blind persons over the age of twenty-one (21) years, and needy children under the age of sixteen (16) years; providing for the acceptance of financial aid from the government of the United States for such assistance; providing that the payments of such assistance from State funds shall never exceed either the payments from Federal funds or a total of more than Forty-Two Million (\$42,000,000.00) Dollars per year; providing for enactment of laws to make lists of recipients of aid available for inspection; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation, and publication, and making an appropriation to defray the necessary expenses of proclamation, publication, and holding the election.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Section 51a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended and the same is hereby amended, so that the same shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 51a. The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations and restrictions herein contained, and such other limitations, restrictions and regulations as may by the Legislature be deemed expedient for assistance to, and for the payment of assistance to:

"(1) Needy aged persons who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas and who are over the age of sixty-five (65) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid to any inmate of any State supported institution, while such inmate, or to any person who shall not have actually resided in Texas for at least five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the application for such assistance and continuously for one (1) year immediately preceding such application; provided that the maximum payment per month from State funds shall not be more than Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars per month.

"(2) Needy blind persons who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas and are over the age of twenty-one (21) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid to any inmate of any State supported institution, while such inmate, or to any person who shall not have actually resided in Texas at least five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the application for such assistance and continuously for one (1) year immediately preceding such application.

"(3) Needy children who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas and are under the age of sixteen (16) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid on account of any child over one (1) year old who has not continuously resided in Texas for one (1) year immediately preceding the application for such assistance, or on account of any